

APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On October 25, 2007, a telephone interview was held between Examiner Benjamin Ailes, Examiner Andrew Caldwell, and Applicants' attorneys Oliver Ong (Reg. No. 58,456) and Aaron Peters (Reg. No. 48,801). The interview was held to address the anticipation rejection of the independent claims.

Applicants' attorneys explained that each of the pending claims recites a first processing plant and a second processing plant connected to an open network and that McIntyre et al. does not disclose or teach more than a single plant. While the Examiners did not assert that McIntyre et al. disclosed more than a single plant, the Examiners requested that Applicants' attorney provide remarks or support for the difference between a first processing plant and a second process plant and/or provide an amendment to more clearly distinguish between a first processing plant and a second processing plant. Applicant's proposed amending the independent claims, or adding a dependent claim, to recite a second processing plant disparate from a first processing plant. While no agreement was reached, Examiner's agreed to consider the amendment in light of the discussion if the amendment is submitted in a response.